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You may be aware that the F. O'Connor scrap yard on Route 17 is under review by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because of the presence there of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) a substance formerly used to insulate and cool some electrical equipment. Prior to 1978, the O'Connor site handled scrap electrical equipment which contained varying amounts of these chemicals.

Preliminary studies have been conducted which indicate that the primary area of concern is enclosed within the fence installed on the site last spring. Because almost everyone in the area receives water from a municipal supply, drinking water is not affected. Samples of area wells have shown no contamination. Also these studies indicate that the site isn't and hasn't been a significant threat to public health and safety. In depth studies will be carried out to confirm these findings.

We are writing you and others nearby at this point to explain what is being done at the site. Central Maine Power Company is taking a leadership role in managing the activities because some of our scrap transformers were handled at the site prior to 1978 and we wish to see any contamination problems resolved in a timely manner.

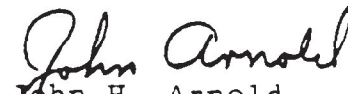
Next week Acheron Engineering Corporation, a Maine company that specializes in this kind of work, will be drawing samples from tanks located on the site. These samples will be analyzed so that an appropriate tank disposal program can be implemented.

After that CMP and O'Connor, with EPA approval, will be conducting a careful study of the site to determine the extent of contamination, if the site contaminants pose any health risks, and what remedial steps should be taken. This complex and detailed Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will take about two years to complete. We will make every effort to keep you informed of its progress.

Please call me if you have concerns, questions, or if you would like additional information on PCB's or the studies.

Please be assured that CMP is doing all it can to cooperate in resolving concerns regarding this scrap yard.

Sincerely,



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RE: O'Connor Site/Public Notification

Dear Marilyn:

For your file, I am sending a copy of the public notification, enclosed, which Central Maine Power sent to residents within one-quarter mile of the O'Connor Site. This was sent with the intention of keeping all nearby residents informed of all activity regarding the site.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew K. Towt  
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